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SUBJECT: MBFR: STATUS OF NATO WORK ON GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP

REF: A. SECDEF MESSAGE 7487

B. USNATO 5104

C. STATE 182239;

D. USNATO 5096;

E. USNATO 4956

F. USNATO 5110

OSD FOR DOD STAFF GROUP (COL. LOUIS MICHAEL

1. THIS MESSAGE PRESENTS MISSION COMMENTS ON THE STATUS OF NATO WORK ON THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP MENTIONED IN REF A.

2. RECATEGORIZATION. SPC IS NOW CONSIDERING DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG BASED ALMOST VERBATIM ON U.S. PROPOSAL OF AUGUST 29. THERE IS LITTLE BRACKETED LANGUAGE OF A SUBSTANTIVE NATURE IN THIS DRAFT GUIDANCE, AND WE ANTICIPATE EARLY AGREEMENT. STATUS OF THIS ITEM DESCRIBED IN GREATER DETAIL IN REF B.

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3. RELEASE OF NEW DATA. RESLEASE TO AHG OF NEW DATA ON WP FORCES DEPENDS ON WHEN THIS DATA BECOMES "NATO AGREED" THROUGH MCM PROCESS (REF C). WASHINGTON IS MORE FAMILIAR THAN THE MISSION WITH CURRENT STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND UK

ON DRAFT MCM. MISSION SUGGESTION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DATA
ON ALLIED FORCES COMPARABLE TO DATA IN DRAFT MCM IS DESCRIBED REF D.

4. RELEASE OF AIR MANPOWER DATA. SPC APPROVAL OF DRAFT GUIDANCE
ON THIS ITEM WILL NOW DEPEND ON SPC REACTION TO U.S. AND FRG
PROPOSALS AT SEPTEMBER 19 SPC. TEXT OF DRAFT GUIDANCE AND CURRENT
STATUS DESCRIBED IN REFS E AND F. PROBABLE DATE OF SPC APPROVAL
IS HARD TO PREDICT. MISSION HAS SUGGESTED A COMPROMISE
WHICH COULD PROMOTE RAPID AGREEMENT (REF F).

5. ROLE OF AIR MANPOWER IN MBFR. MISSION ANTICIPATES NO NATO
WORK ON DRAFTING GUIDANCE TO AHG ON INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE
MANPOWER IN MBFR REDUCTIONS UNTIL A MEMBER STATE PROPOSES
THIS CHANGE IN THE ALLIED NEGOTIATING MANDATE. MISSION SIMILARLY
ANTICIPATES NO NATO WORK ON DRAFTING GUIDANCE ON SUCH ASPECTS
OF AHG REQUEST AS PARA 29 MEASURES, NON-CIRCUMVENTION, NUCLEAR
OPTION, IN ABSENCE OF PROPOSALS FROM NATO MEMBERS. MCAULIFFE

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